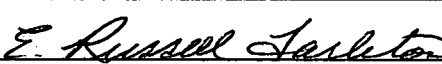


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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In response to the Office Action dated February 10, 2006, Applicant offers the following remarks.

Claims 1, 3-19, and 21-35 remain pending in the application. Claims 8-19 and 21-35 are allowed, and claims 6 and 7 were found to be allowable if rewritten into independent form.

Claims 1 and 3-5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Sidner et al. (of record) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,690,841 ("Elderstig").

Applicants respectfully disagree with the basis for the rejection and request reconsideration and further examination of the rejected claims.

Claim 1 is directed to a wafer of monocrystalline semiconductor material comprising at least one buried cavity having a wall completely surrounded by said monocrystalline material, the cavity wall coated with a layer of material inhibiting epitaxial

